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USAID Mission:

We partner to end extreme poverty and promote resilient, democratic societies while advancing our security and prosperity.

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Recent Activities in USAID

The Department of State and USAID FY 2017 Budget

The 2017 State Department and USAID budget request of \$50.1 billion proposes targeted investments in international programs that will defeat terrorist organizations; mitigate climate change; promote America's economic interests; combat hunger and epidemic disease; respond to humanitarian emergencies and peacekeeping missions; secure our people and facilities overseas; and much more. The specific areas covers:

- **Advancing Security, Confronting New Threats and Global Challenges**
- **Promoting Prosperity, Health, and Development**
- **Our People, Our Platforms, and Our Global Engagement**

"... the money we devote to international programs ... amounts to just one percent of the total federal budget, but it may well define the majority of the history written about our era."

—Secretary of State John Kerry

A New Roadmap for Power Africa

Launched at the Powering Africa Summit in Washington, D.C., the Power Africa Roadmap shows how more than 120 public and private sector partners, who collectively have committed more than \$43 billion to the effort, are accelerating energy transactions across the continent. It also details how Power Africa will meet President Obama's goals of adding 30,000 megawatts (MW) and 60 million connections across sub-Saharan Africa by 2030.

Since its launch in 2013, Power Africa has helped projects expected to generate over 4,300 MW of new, cleaner electricity reach financial close and is actively supporting an additional 25,000 MW of projects. Over three-quarters of these projects involve clean, renewable technology. From wind parks in Kenya, to solar arrays in Rwanda, and geothermal generation in Ethiopia, Power Africa is putting the continent's vast renewable resources to work.

"With a robust financial foundation in place and an expanding group of partners committed to producing results, Power Africa is breaking the logjam on energy infrastructure and keeping eager capital flowing to worthy projects," said USAID Administrator Gayle Smith. "Building on our progress so far, this Roadmap lays out a clear and practical path to achieving President Obama's ambitious vision of bringing electricity to 60 million African homes and businesses."

Specifically, the Power Africa Roadmap outlines how Power Africa and partners will maximize value from existing transactions, advance new opportunities for deal flow, and increase the efficiency of existing electricity generation capacity. It also focuses on how Power Africa will add millions of connections by scaling up grid roll-out programs and intensifying its Beyond the Grid efforts. The Roadmap also highlights ways to use sub-Saharan Africa's incredible energy resources to transform the lives of hundreds of millions of people, and reaffirms Power Africa's commitment to sustainability on key environmental, social, and gender issues.

Power Africa's teams live and work in Africa, and regularly engage with public and private sector stakeholders to understand and alleviate the constraints holding back transactions. To help harmonize our field efforts, we established a Coordinator's Office, managed by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and located in Pretoria, South Africa and Washington, D.C.





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A Year in Review—USAID Global Health

As the era of the Sustainable Development Goals begins, we share some key global health events, milestones, and highlights from the past 12 months of our efforts at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to end preventable child and maternal deaths (EPCMD), create an AIDS-free generation, and protect communities from infectious diseases, all in support of a healthful world free of extreme poverty.

1. **2015 Call to Action Summit for Ending Preventable Child and Maternal Deaths**. Since 2008, USAID's efforts have averted the deaths of nearly 2.5 million children and 200,000 women.
2. **Ebola: The Road to Zero**. USAID is committed to ending the Ebola epidemic, supporting the restoration of essential care services, and strengthening health systems to prevent future outbreaks from becoming epidemics.
3. **The President's Malaria Initiative: A Six-Year Strategy to Reduce Malaria Mortality**. The year 2015 marks a decade of USAID's leadership of the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI).
4. **Newborn Survival: Giving All Newborns a Chance to Survive and Thrive**. USAID emphasizes the prevention and management of leading causes of newborn mortality, including preterm birth complications and serious infections.
5. **50 Years of Family Planning Assistance**. 2015 marks 50 years of the U.S. Government's involvement in family planning programs worldwide, and more women than ever before currently use some form of modern contraception.
6. **Saving Mothers, Giving Life Partnership Cuts Maternal Mortality in Half**. The partnership announced remarkable mid-initiative results in October: rates of maternal mortality were reduced by nearly 50 percent in target facilities in Uganda and Zambia.
7. **U.S. Pledges \$1 Billion to Help Immunize 300 Million More Children**. The U.S. Government's historic pledge to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, was announced in January.
8. **\$12 Billion Mobilized through the Global Financing Facility**. At the Financing for Development Conference in July, USAID joined international partners to support four African countries through the Global Financing Facility in EPCMD efforts.
9. **Building Strong, Resilient Health Systems**. In Ebola-affected countries, USAID continues to work toward strong, resilient, sustainable health systems. USAID's Vision for Health Systems Strengthening was released in October.
10. **Tuberculosis: The World's Deadliest Infectious Disease**. Deaths attributable to tuberculosis, the world's deadliest disease as of this year, have been reduced by nearly half since 1990. With two important strategies released in 2015, the U.S. Government remains committed to stopping this deadly disease.
11. **An Agenda for Global Health Security**. In July, the U.S. Government announced an investment of more than \$1 billion to help prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease threats in 30 countries worldwide.
12. **World AIDS Day 2015: The Time to Act Is Now**. On December 1, USAID and the world celebrated World AIDS Day and the progress and challenges that remain in the fight against HIV and AIDS.
13. **Improving Nutrition for Women and Young Children**. USAID supports the 2014–2025 Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy with implementation guidelines directed toward the goal of a 20 percent reduction in stunting by 2020.
14. **Ensuring Respectful Maternity Care**. USAID recognizes respectful maternity care as a priority for ending preventable maternal deaths and joins international partners in promoting respectful care.
15. **Improving Health Outcomes through Implementation Research and Delivery Science**. USAID and partners work to expand the field of Implementation research and delivery science to support the scale-up of lifesaving interventions and improve health outcomes.

The year 2015 was one of many global health triumphs and challenges, and USAID will continue to work in 2016 toward our goal of eliminating extreme poverty and helping communities realize their full potential.





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What's New in Beijing USAID

G20 Development Working Group Meeting

January 25-26, 2016, the G20 Development Working Group (DWG) first meeting was organized in Beijing.

The delegations discussed priorities including the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, enhancing the coordination between DWG agenda and other working streams, etc. Being the G20 Presidency, China will further G20 deliberations on development related issues in an updated international context through improving the relevance and effectiveness of DWG work.

Mr. Anthony Pipa, the Deputy Assistant Administrator of USAID Policy, Planning and Learning

Bureau (PPL) and Ms. Maria Rendon, Development Counsellor of USAID Beijing Office, participated in the G20 DWG on behalf of USAID.



Ambassador Baucus met with MOFCOM Vice Minister

On February 19, 2016, US Ambassador Mr. Baucus met with Mr. Zhang Xiangchen, the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) to discuss the U.S.-China cooperation in global development. The two sides exchanged ideas on the follow-up actions of the fact sheet agreed during President Xi Jinping's state visit to the U.S. in September 2015.

Ms. Maria Rendon, USAID development Counselor, participated in the meeting together with representatives from USTR, FCS, HHS, the State Department.

U.S. and China Agricultural Cooperation with Timor Leste

The first phase of tri-lateral cooperation among the U.S., China and Timor Leste on food security and nutrition was completed in early 2015. As a follow-up of the MOU between USAID and the Chinese Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), in-depth exchange and discussions on the second phase of the cooperation was organized on February 29 to March 5, 2016.

USAID and MOFCOM delegation visited aquaculture and agriculture projects sites in Timor Leste and held three-party meetings with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) of Timor Leste. The three parties agreed to further explore the feasibility of cooperation in aquaculture with the aim to provide fish products to local people in order to deal with malnutrition in Timor Leste.



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